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ANCHORAGE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, April 11, 2008, that Richie Bernardo Cuevas, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months for his conviction of distribution of a controlled substance.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Cuevas, age 25, of 2929 Sunflower Street.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, the defendant sold crack cocaine to a government informant on multiple occasions. The amount of crack distributed and possessed by the defendant amounted to 20 grams.

Judge Burgess found that the 60-month sentence was appropriate, based upon factors detailed in the United States Code, which include the nature of the offense and the criminal history of the defendant.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Cuevas. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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